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Prayer of a Soldier



*M*Y SHOULDERS ache beneath my pack.
 (Lie easier, Cross, upon His back.)
I march with feet that burn and smart.
 (Tread, Holy Feet, upon my heart.)
Men shout at me who may not speak.
 (They scourged Thy back and smote Thy cheek.)
I may not lift a hand to clear my eyes
 of salty drops that sear.
 (Then shall my fickle soul forget
 Thy agony of bloody sweat.)
My rifle hand is stiff and numb.
 (From Thy pierced palm red rivers come.)
Lord, Thou didst suffer more than me,
 Than all the hosts of land and sea.
So, let me render back again this millionth
 of Thy gift. Amen.

—Joyce Kilmer

EDITORIAL NOTES AND COMMENTS

PERSECUTION OF PROTESTANTS IN ITALY

ONLY RECENTLY has it been revealed how poorly Protestants have fared in Italy under a regime that was so friendly to the Vatican that it made a Concordat with it establishing Catholicism as the sole religion of the State. This principle of religious monopoly is one of the foundations of Canon Law which does not concede to non-Catholic religions even the right to legal existence. In view of these facts it is not to be wondered at that in Catholic-Fascist Italy Protestant churches were severely crippled. A few of them, like the ancient Waldensian Church of Italy, were allowed to function, not as a matter of right, but only of concession. Others were ruthlessly persecuted.

The Christian Century of last December 15, published a report on the matter from its special correspondent in Lisbon, who said: "Time and again attempts at evangelizing were quelled, particularly outside towns, while the expulsion of pastors was a regular occurrence. This insofar as the legally recognized Protestant churches were concerned. Unofficial groups such as the Pentecostal community suffered real persecution, with the arrest of many of their members. Apparently the Fascist State regarded the existence of Protestantism on its soil as a concession, and not as a liberty."

This is the identical Catholic-Fascist pattern that has recently come to light

in Argentina. It is to be hoped that the United Nations will carry out to the letter the second agreement of the Moscow Declaration that "*Freedom of religious worship . . . shall be restored in full measure to the Italian people.*"



EVILS OF RITUALISM

ORDERLY, dignified service helps make the churchgoer aware of the presence of God. We do not approve of noisy spontaneity that mistakes emotionalism for profound worship.

Nor should we regret that the directness of the pioneer settlers of earlier days, that long characterized American Protestantism, has been modified. What we do regret is the ever-growing tendency in Protestant churches toward the opposite extreme of formalities and ritualism. Protestants all too often are beginning to feel that if a service is solemn it must be spiritual, that a printed prayer is as good as the honest "crying out after the living Lord." In short, they often fail to realize that a burning candle on an altar is no substitute for a glowing heart, that no church ceremonies can be substituted for an inner sense of the presence of God, with its deep assurance of forgiveness of sins and fellowship with Christ.

Ritualism is a mockery of spiritual worship that is worthy of Isaiah's flaming anger. It substitutes the altar for

the word of God, ceremony for Christian worship, and organization for persuasive individual witness of the life-transforming power of Christ.

the Fascist troops of Mussolini who helped destroy Republican Spain, seized Albania, raped Ethiopia, and stabbed dying France.

RUSSIAN-POLISH BORDER

SPOKESMEN for the Roman Catholic church are wailing like professional mourners over the probability that Polish Ukraine will be returned to Russia. They are profoundly silent, however, over the highly pertinent fact that Marshal Pilsudski grabbed this territory by force contrary to the Allied division of land drawn up by Lord Curzon with the consent of all the democracies. Nor do they mention that the Poles are a minority in this section of land, that they used murder and terror year after year, following its seizure, to Polonize the Ukrainian majority and convert them to Roman Catholicism, that all other Ukrainians, 30,000,000 in number, have for ages been a substantial unit of the so-called Russian people.

But what really interests us in this Russian-Polish boundary dispute is the Vatican's loud and sudden interest in the Atlantic Charter. As might be expected, its enthusiasm is based on self-interest, and is unconcerned with principles as such. No one should forget that this is the same Vatican that approved for centuries the subjection of several nations under the yoke of the Hapsburgs; that countenanced by Concordat the Russian Czar's dominion over millions of Poles; that sat serenely by as Mussolini forcefully Italianized the devout German-speaking Catholics of South Tyrol in the 1920's; that blessed

CREDIT TO CATHOLICS

THE POLICY of this magazine is not to deny credit to Catholics where credit is due. The noble lives of some Catholics, their virtues and spiritual creativeness are an inspiration. It is with this thought in mind that we have devoted our opening page this month to "The Soldier's Prayer" by the devout Catholic poet Joyce Kilmer, a soldier in the First World War.

Unfortunately, however, we can seldom afford space to feature the good thoughts and achievements of people within the Catholic church. To do so at length would be beside our purpose. The Roman Catholic church, the largest and richest international organization in the world, has unlimited publicity facilities for self-advertisement; in this country alone it has 332 publications of its own, not to mention its control over the daily press.

Our humble task is to use our lone and unsubsidized efforts to counterbalance this flood of Catholic propaganda, to proclaim the true Christian teaching which it seeks to hide or obscure, to disclose its political aims, to correct the misstatements and distortions of fact that it uses to confuse and mislead the public. The interests of truth demand such a counterbalance. The pity is that our side of the balance is so hopelessly outweighed. But truth and freedom will in the end be triumphant.

THE TRUTH LEAKS OUT AT LAST

FRONT-PAGE articles in leading American newspapers on February 2 finally featured the fact of the tie-up between the Vatican and Fascism that THE CONVERTED CATHOLIC MAGAZINE has been proving for the past four years. It took an official statement from one of the Four Powers to force the intimidated American press to publish the facts. Even then it hid behind the skirts of *Izvestia*, Russian Government mouthpiece, apologizing as it were for having to publish the embarrassing truth.

How closely this belated newspaper publicity duplicates the carefully documented material we have been publishing for years, can be seen from the following points emphasized in the reports of the N. Y. *Times* and the N. Y. *Herald Tribune* of February 2. Quoting from the recent report of the *Foreign Policy Association* on the Vatican and Fascism, these papers stressed that "a rising tide of anti-clericalism might be expected in Italy," and that the Pope "is not a supporter of democracy."

Using the words of *Izvestia* in preference to expressing the facts in their own words, these leading American newspapers put it on record that:

"The Vatican is now suffering the consequences of its indorsement of the Italian conquests of Ethiopia and is now reaping the fruits of the débacle of the Italian African empire . . . But the Vatican's support for Fascism was not limited solely to Italy. It approved many acts of aggression by Fascism, although the true meaning of these aggressions was no secret."

"The disgraceful role the Vatican played in Hitler's and Mussolini's Spanish adventure is widely known. The

Vatican emerged in the role of a supporter of armed intervention."

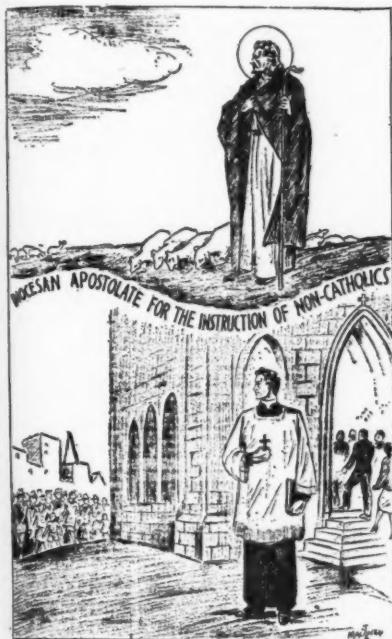
The dispatches added that General Franco of Fascist Spain is a "Vatican pet" and that Franco's regime is "the image of the clerical states of post-war Europe" which the Vatican would like to create. Mention was also made of the profound silence of the Vatican when Italy gave France the fatal 'stab in the back' in June 1940 and its unseemly haste to be the first to give diplomatic recognition to the Pétain regime at Vichy.

Msgr. Fulton J. Sheen's attempt to refute the above charges was pitiful. He was forced to pass over in silence the concrete facts of Vatican support of Mussolini, Franco and Fascism in general. Instead he used the outworn Clerical technique of name-calling and countercharges in the hope of beclouding the truth. In his excitement he accused the Soviet of "massacring Jews under the name of Trotskyites," apparently forgetting that Jesuit propaganda has always accused the Soviet of being a Jewish-controlled government.

Two days after publishing the above report of Vatican politics, the N. Y. *Times*, under the obvious pressure of Archbishop Spellman's 'powerhouse,' ran an editorial that repeated Msgr. Sheen's *argumentum ad hominem* and censured Russia's attack on the Vatican as an affront to the Allied nations.

We have come to a sorry pass when an Allied nation cannot point out the facts of Vatican pro-Fascism without it being interpreted as an insult to the United States of America.

WHAT CATHOLICS ARE TAUGHT ABOUT THEIR PRIESTS



"This morning," he continued, "as the celebrant of the Mass acted as another Christ in offering the Divine Victim to Our Father in Heaven for the repose of the soul of Father Beary . . . may we dedicate ourselves to a greater appreciation of the power and influence of the Mass, and of the priesthood which makes it possible."

We cannot too often and too strongly protest against this un-Christian indoctrination of the Catholic people. It is in direct contradiction of the New Testament teaching that Jesus Christ is the only mediator between God and man, and that He, by His complete and all-sufficient sacrifice, once offered and forever, accomplished the work of salvation for all mankind. To teach that a mere man can do as Christ did is to rob Christ, on the one hand, of His sole power to save, and, on the other, to imply that His work was not a perfect and finished work. It is false also to say that any man, by ordination to the Roman priesthood, becomes "another Christ." No creature, by any rite or ceremony, can take the place of God.

Note also that the above picture is an inducement to Protestants to come to the priest for instruction in the Roman Catholic religion. There are fifty such Instruction Centers for Protestants in Brooklyn alone. Christ's Mission, a center specializing in the instruction of Roman Catholics in the teachings of Evangelical Christianity, is the only one of its kind in the United States.

ABOVE is a picture, from the Brooklyn Tablet, of January 8, 1944, which depicts the Catholic priest as "alter Christus," "another Christ." In this same issue of *The Tablet* there is recorded a eulogy of Rev. Aloysius G. Beary, a recently-deceased priest, pronounced in the presence of Bishop Molloy and other dignitaries of the church. In his sermon, the preacher, Rev. Thomas O'Brien, declared:

"This is the true end of worship, and the priest is a man set aside, above all else, to offer divine worship, to act as mediator between God and men, to do again and again what the Son of Man did on the Cross, and to apply the merits of this Sacrifice to all generations of mankind."

"Neither a drop of water nor an ocean can sprinkle or immerse a man, woman or child into a faith he has not, or into a Christ he knows not of."

—Alexander Campbell

VATICAN POWER POLITICS IN IRELAND

By L. H. LEHMANN

The author of this article was born in Ireland, in Kingstown on the outskirts of Dublin. He received his early education for the priesthood at Mungret College, Limerick, and at All Hallows College, Dublin, and finished his studies in Rome where he was ordained.

All books quoted in this article are by Roman Catholic authors.

THE MASSES of the poor Irish people are fully convinced that English Protestantism has been the sole cause of all their troubles and that the pope of Rome has been their staunchest protector. Nothing could be farther from the facts of history. Ireland was deprived of her independence and freedom long before the Reformation—and by a decree of the pope of Rome, at that. Moreover, from that day of her enslavement in the 12th century right up to recent decades, the popes have constantly plotted with English imperialists to keep Ireland in subjection. Irish Protestants, on the other hand, have stood out among the greatest champions of Irish freedom—Grattan, Robert Emmet, Wolfe Tone, Davis, Mitchell, Parnell, to name but a few.

Power politics of the Vatican, disguised as religion, has been the undoing of Ireland, just as it was in the case of Poland and other Catholic nations sold out by the popes to the Hapsburgs and other monarchs.

James G. Maguire, former judge of the Superior Court of San Francisco, is one of the few Roman Catholics who have dared to face the facts of Irish history and their inevitable conclusion that "the Pope is most dangerous to those who trust him." This distinguished jurist and student of history

proves, in addition, that the reason the Papacy barterers with souls that submit to its authority is that its prime interests are political. He confirms this fact by quoting the words spoken by the Cardinal who in the coronation ceremony places the triple crown or tiara on the head of the newly-elected pope. These solemn words give only third place to his religious functions:

"Receive the tiara adorned with three crowns, and know that thou art Father of Princes and Kings, Ruler of the World, Vicar of our Saviour Jesus Christ."¹

The relationship of Ireland to the Vatican has been marked by simple, unchanging faith and childlike confidence. In return it has been treated with ingratitude, duplicity and contempt, as the historical facts that follow will show.

SELL-OUT OF IRELAND

In the year 1152 Ireland, an entirely Christian nation for centuries, was prosperous and independent. That fatal year Rome sent its first papal legate to Ireland, Cardinal John Paparo. After ingratiating himself with the leading

¹ *Ireland and the Pope*, by James G. Maguire, page 109. The same words of the papal coronation can also be found on page 796 of *The Catholic Dictionary*, published in England in 1884, as well as in the *Beitrage of Bishop Hefele*, Vol. II, p. 236f.

prelates by conferring papal honors, he succeeded in subjecting Ireland for the first time to the temporal sovereignty of the pope. Four years later the Vatican made use of its newly-acquired power over Ireland by selling it to England to further its own political and financial standing.

Pope Adrian IV in 1156 gave a Bull to King Henry II of England granting him political dominion over Ireland. He authorized him "to enter Ireland, to reduce the people to obedience under laws," provided of course that he "preserve the rights of the churches of this land inviolate," and take charge of collecting from each house the funds of the annual 'Peter's Pence.'²

The decree of Pope Adrian IV giving Ireland to the English king was confirmed and enforced by a Bull of Pope Alexander III in 1172. Its wording is a slur on Irish Catholicism that has always boasted of its purity from the days of Saint Patrick, centuries before:

"Forasmuch as these things, having been on good reasons granted by our predecessors, deserve to be confirmed in the fullest manner, and considering the grant of the dominion of the realm of Ireland by the venerable Pope Adrian, We, pursuing his footsteps, do ratify and confirm the same . . . provided that the abominations of this land be removed, that its barbarous people, Christians in name only, may by your means be reformed . . ."³

² This entire Bull of Adrian IV is translated and quoted in practically every history of Ireland. Its authenticity has never been seriously questioned. The above excerpts are quoted from the text as found on page 305 of the *History of Ireland* by S. O'Halloran, an Irish Catholic.

³ A. O'Halloran, *op. cit.*, p. 306. This document is also contained in the official *Bullarium Romanum*. Like the Bull of Adrian IV, it is unchallenged except for the attacks of one or another priest of the Ultramontane school whose only purpose was to confuse inquiring simple laymen incapable of consulting historical sources.

Father P. J. Carew in his *Ecclesiastical History of Ireland* (p. 437) admits that in the Synod of Dublin, held in 1177, "the Papal Legate set forth King Henry II's right to the sovereignty over Ireland in virtue of the Pope's authorization, and inculcated the necessity of obeying him under pain of excommunication."

To implement the subjection of Ireland to the English king another Pope, Lucius III, later appointed an Englishman, John Comyn, to the archbishopric of Dublin. He even consecrated him personally and released his archdiocese from the visitations of the Irish Primate.⁴ From that time on, both before and after the Reformation, the archbishops and bishops of Ireland have all been appointed by Rome *only after secret approval by the British government*.⁵

In the quarrels that arose between the Irish and Anglo-Irish in the Catholic church in Ireland the popes always treated the Irish contemptuously. They allowed the English to exclude Irishmen from their canonries, but refused to grant corresponding power to the Irish.⁶

THE PROTESTANT BOGEYMAN

Catholic leaders of Irish emancipation have always known that blaming English Protestantism for the persecution in Ireland was only a Clerical bugbear. For instance, J. J. Claney, Irish historian, says:

"Henry VIII was a bad man . . . but the deadly wounds that laid Erin low were struck by the assassin hands of his Catholic forefathers."⁷

⁴ *Irish Hierarchy*, by Father Thomas Walsh, p. 110.

⁵ Judge James G. Maguire, *op. cit.*, p. 26ff.

⁶ M. Haverty, *History of Ireland*, pp. 253-4.

⁷ *Ireland As She Is*, p. 82.

Judge Maguire points out that:

"Under all their 'Catholic Majesties,' from Henry II to Henry VIII, nearly 400 years, the Irish people, with the exception of five families were outlaws. They were murdered at will, like dogs, by their *English Catholic neighbors in Ireland* . . . The marriages and trade of English Catholics with Irish Catholics were made penal offences by *Catholic parliaments and Catholic kings*. . . The English rulers and people were Catholics and as much subject to the Popes as the Irish now are, yet there was no excommunication or threat of excommunication by any of the Popes against the English for their hellish practices." *

Daniel O'Connell, immortal patriot of Ireland, emphasized in 1813 that English-Irish strife was not based on religion. He even stated explicitly: "The English do not dislike us as Catholics . . ."

The English Protestant people, as a people and where they were free of caste prejudice, had no ill-will against Irish Catholics. This was conclusively proved during the period of the great famine in Ireland in 1847-48, when they subscribed more than \$2,000,000 for relief. The famous T. P. O'Connor, in his book *The Parnell Movement* (p. 117) speaks of many English people who even went without butter on their bread "in order that some money might be saved for the starving poor of Ireland."

In 1315 when Edward Bruce led an army for the emancipation of Ireland and had victory almost in his grasp, Pope John XXII intervened to uphold the domination of the English conquerors. William Dolby in his *History of Ireland* (p. 59) says of this historical moment: "The English interest soon began to revive, and the Pope lent his powerful assistance to restore its ascendancy. Sentence of excommunication

was solemnly pronounced against Bruce and all his adherents." Speaking of the demoralization of the Irish in the epoch-making battle of Dundalk that followed immediately afterward, he added: "The Irish felt that they fought under the curse of the Church, while the English were roused by the belief . . . that the blessing pronounced on their arms by the leading Catholic prelate of Ireland, that very morning, rendered them invincible."

Down through the centuries it has been the same story of Vatican support of English imperialism in Ireland. The only period of interruption was in the years immediately following the English Protestant Reformation when Popes Clement VIII and Innocent X stirred up Irish rebellion against England exclusively for the preservation of Catholicism in Ireland and as a bargaining point with English Tories. There was no mention of independence for Ireland in the papal communications of those times. In fact, even during this period King Charles I of England carried on secret negotiations with the Vatican by means of conferences between his emissary Lord Herbert and Father Rinuccini, papal nuncio.

EVILS OF LANDLORDISM

The people of Ireland are immediately dependent on the soil and its produce. For the vast majority there is no other source of income or sustenance than the little patch of land on which they live. But all the land of Ireland was for centuries the private property of a comparatively small number of landlords. On their whim and humor the four to five million people of Ireland depended for a scant share of their own farm produce, which was to them their only means of existence.

The inhuman system of landlordism was the very root of the poverty and

* James C. Maguire, *op. cit.*, p. 33ff.

oppression in Ireland. Landlords followed only their own avarice in determining the rent of their so-called tenants, who were nothing more than sharecroppers. Dean Swift describes the exorbitant rent demanded by landlords and how "they squeezed it out of the blood and vitals and clothes and dwellings of the tenants, who live worse than English beggars."

The persecution of landlords was unbearable. Rent was often pegged even higher than the gross yield of the land. Because of rent in arrears or to gratify a sadistic whim or to wreak revenge, a landlord could evict his tenants, who had no real means of self-defense even under the law. Father Lavelle in his book (p. 196) published in 1870 and quoted above says:

"Our Irish landlords, all Christians, *many of my own creed*, act the landlord as if there were no God, oppressing the poor man . . . to death."

After being cast out of house and home, evicted tenants were hounded by the infamous "Rules of the Estate." These forbade under penalty of eviction the giving of food or shelter to any member of an evicted family, regardless of health or age.

The famines in 1847-48 that took hundreds of thousands of lives and drove even more into exile were not real famines. They were caused by the cruelty and avarice of the landlord who squeezed the last grain of produce out of his tenants' hands. There was enough food raised in Ireland during those years, but selfish landlords seized it all and shipped abroad what they didn't use to fatten their personal bank accounts while their tenants were left to die.

During centuries of unspeakable oppression at the hands of landlords supported by English laws and corrupt

courts, the head authorities of the Catholic church did nothing at all to help the Irish. No Catholic landlords were censured by the church for their crimes. On the contrary the hierarchy fawned on them and accepted their hospitality and their blood-stained money.

VATICAN PLOTS AGAINST IRISH INTERESTS

Whenever the Irish people started a movement against the evils of landlordism or the sovereignty of the English crown that stood behind it, the Vatican supported the English against the Irish.

Contradictory as it may seem, such movements and rebellions were actually instigated and fostered indirectly by Catholic prelates until they became a major threat to 'Protestant England.' They were used as a whip over the head of British Government to extort favors for the Vatican, for the bishops knew they could stop them at any time by the fearful weapon of excommunication. As soon as England realized its inability to quell a rebellion and agreed to pay the political price demanded by the Vatican, the hierarchy stepped in and stopped it as easily as they started it. The poor Irish people were always the losers.

Daniel O'Connell's flaming oratory rallied all Ireland to his *Repeal Movement*. Great reforms were accomplished by it and total victory was in sight, when Pope Gregory XVI, arch-enemy of democracy and freedom, destroyed the movement by forbidding priests to even attend its meetings. The secret negotiations behind this Vatican double-cross, the names of the negotiators, the price demanded and received by the pope for this treachery are found in Irish history, even as written by Catholics.⁹

⁹ Thomas Mooney, *History of Ireland*, Vol. II, page 1530. Also T. P. O'Conner, *op. cit.*, p. 15.

The *Young Ireland Movement* aiming at religious tolerance and union of Protestants and Catholics in the struggle for freedom was doomed from the very start by the Vatican which labeled it "revolutionary"—the smear word of papal reaction. Anglophile bishops issued pastorals demanding submission to the English government and the law of the land, better known as 'landlordism.' England's bribe to the Vatican for this stab in Ireland's back was the re-establishment in 1848 of official diplomatic relations with the Vatican.

The spiritual terrorism of the Vatican was next visited on the new-born *Fenian Movement*, organized in 1858. It was condemned as a "secret society unauthorized by the Church." While the Catholic hierarchy applauded, its leaders were hanged in 1867. Bishop Moriarity, typical of the bishops of Ireland, celebrated the execution by declaring that "hell was not hot enough nor eternity long enough to punish such miscreants."

Clerical counter-plotting next destroyed the *Home Rule Movement* established in 1870. Cardinal Cullen of Dublin and the Bishop of Derry were the principal tools of the Vatican in this, though Pope Leo XIII intervened personally on two occasions, the last time by his second "rescript" of May 11, 1883. England paid off the Vatican, as on previous occasions. This time its bribe was the establishment in Dublin of a National University for Catholics, just as on a previous occasion it established and subsidized Maynooth Seminary to strengthen the Vatican's hold on Ireland.

The *Irish National Land League*, formed in 1879 to fight the evils of landlordism, was condemned in the middle of a famine year by Archbishop McCabe of Dublin, who was

bent on securing a Cardinal's red hat. He led the hierarchy in the destruction of the Land League and was made Cardinal shortly afterward.

It was at this time that the famous case of Father McGlynn occurred. A brilliant and eloquent priest of the archdiocese of New York, Dr. McGlynn was suspended from the priesthood by Cardinal Simeoni of the Vatican for preaching in the United States to raise money for the starving Irish and a land league to protect them from eviction. Dr. McGlynn left the church, astounded at its inhumanity and hypocrisy.

The final stand of the Irish peasants against landlordism was one of passive resistance. Pope Leo XIII, misrepresented in history as a liberal pontiff, hurled condemnation after condemnation against the opponents of Irish landlordism. Seven Vatican pronouncements sent by him in six years defended the exorbitant rents imposed on the helpless, impoverished farmers as "just contracts," and condemned the methods of 'passive resistance' as "unjust and unfair to the landlords," and as "a new form of persecution . . . alien to Christian charity."

CONCLUSION

No plea of ignorance can be made by Vatican defenders for its unceasing war on Irish freedom, for everyone knows and the Vatican admits that its 'intelligence system' furnishes it with most reliable information on what is going on in every foreign country. The Popes were frequently receiving representatives of the English crown, listening to their side of the case and intervening in their behalf for whatever profit they could get from it. At the same time they refused to even receive representatives of the Irish

peasants or of their Land Reform or Home Rule movements. Such was the case of Michael Davitt who went to Rome in 1882 as accredited representative of the Irish people to lay their cause before the Pope. Leo XIII refused to even give him an audience.

Msgr. Preston, Vicar General of the Archdiocese of New York, in his New Year's sermon, January 1, 1888, said: "Whoever says, 'I will take my religion from Rome but not my politics,' is not a good Catholic." It is by inculcating this doctrine and training the priests of a country to sacrifice the love of their own land and people to the discipline of Roman authority that Rome has succeeded for centuries in ruling the political destinies of the Catholic nations of Europe, keeping them bogged down in the swamps of reaction. The whole political policy of the Papacy cannot be more tersely summarized than in the words of Irish-Catholic Judge Maguire who declares in his book mentioned above:

"The whole history of the Vatican shows that ever since it assumed to be the political as well as the religious head of the world, about the year 800, its universal policy has been to crush the weak, to frighten the timid and to conciliate the strong and defiant."

Much more could be written on this topic of the deception of the Irish by the political intrigues of the Vatican, did space permit. Of importance to Americans, for instance, is the effect of this deception on the unsuspecting Irish in this country who have been used as tools of Vatican politics in the Fascist attack against freedom and democracy.

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THE BIBLE IS NOT A FETISH



THE steel-covered Bible in the above picture prevented a bullet from penetrating the heart of Lieut. Robert Turner, a bombardier of an Eighth Army Air Force Flying Fortress, according to the New York 'Times' of January 21. It is obvious that any steel-coated book would have done the same.

To attribute to the mere book of the Bible any magical power is un-Christian, and no different from the use of a St. Christopher medal or the "Miraculous Medal" by Roman Catholics as a charm against danger. It is the spiritual message in the Word of God in the Bible that has the power to save, not the actual book itself. Corruption of religion begins when its spiritual power is turned into a superstitious belief in external objects. In the end, the material object, not God, is worshipped. Then we have idolatry — also large financial profits from the sale of such 'magical' objects.

► OF THE 12,865,518 Negroes in the United States, only 300,000 (a little more than two per cent) are claimed as Roman Catholics. And there are only 16 Negro priests among the 36,000 Roman Catholic priests in this country.

ARGENTINA GOES THE FRANCO WAY

COMPULSORY Roman Catholic religious instruction in the public schools of Argentina was decreed by the Ramirez dictatorship last New Year's eve. This was long expected, since the Ramirez government is strictly Catholic-Fascist. Bishop de Andrea of Buenos Aires was appointed as one of the three personal advisers of Ramirez, right after Fascism was established there last June.

The New York *Times* of last New Year's Day gave front-page prominence to new decrees issued the preceding day abolishing "all political parties existing in the whole territory of the nation." It should have added that this move was in accordance with Pope Pius XI's blueprint of the Clerical corporate state, called *Quadragesimo Anno*, which rules out all political parties.

The same issue of the above-mentioned paper went on to say:

"A second decree issued today made the teaching of the Catholic religion compulsory in all primary and secondary schools . . . Religious teachers will be appointed by the government but must have the approval of the ecclesiastical authorities."

It is not difficult to anticipate the disastrous effects of the above decree on Protestantism in Argentina, and especially on Protestant schools. Text-books ridiculing the Reformation and all that evangelical Christianity stands for will doubtless be made standard books for all schools, even private Protestant schools, as was done in Peru last year.

The influence of Roman Catholicism over President Ramirez was clearly outlined in the *Christian Science Mon-*

itor the first week of last December. The following is a quotation from that conservative and very reliable paper:

"General Ramirez often is found in the company of Roman Catholic Church representatives, particularly of Army chaplains, who are believed to exert considerable influence and pressure on him. The power wielded by the Roman Catholic Church over the new regime is a byword in Buenos Aires. The General receives priests . . . frequently at the Casa Rosada, his official residence."

After pointing out that the Roman Catholic Church in Argentina shares the prejudices "of the land-owning and ruling class," the newspaper continued as follows:

"The Roman Catholic Church, which to all intents and purposes is a State church in Argentina, feels sure of itself. There are demands to refuse entry into Argentina of Protestant mission and education workers, for a complete monopoly of religious teaching in State and private schools and for a suppression of Freemasonry . . . Priest-writers are eulogistic regarding their representation in the Cabinet. Whatever they write and whomever they attack, there is no censorship for them."



MUST SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE BE ABOLISHED?

MANY court decisions have been handed down of late in the different states regarding the legal aspect of teaching religion in the public schools. The general trend of these decisions has been to halt attempts to impair the vital principle of the separation of church and state by plans to introduce religious instruction by devious means into the public school system.

In their zeal to bring religious instruction to the many millions of children of school age who receive no religious training in Sunday schools. Protestant leaders are veering to the opinion that the teaching of religion should be given during school hours, even in public school classrooms. At the twenty-first quadrennial convention of the International Council of Religious Education, held in Chicago on February 9, 1942, Dr. Roy G. Ross, executive secretary of the council, went so far as to assert that "*the American people, realizing the dependence of democracy on religion, are even beginning to question the validity of the doctrine of separation of church and state*".

This is the argument and contention of Roman Catholic church authorities, whose aim is, however, eventually to have only their religion taught in schools. But it is directly opposed to the tradition and constitutional religious guarantees of all the states of the Union. It must be remembered that *religious instruction in the public schools has never been approved by the supreme court of any state*; "released time" from school hours for religious instruction is being tried in thirty-four states, but only by favorable advisory opinion of local legal authorities.

In North Carolina it has even been questioned if teachers may be paid out of public school funds for the teaching of elective courses of Bible study. Attorney General Harry McMullen, in an advisory opinion in September 1942, ruled that it would be difficult to prescribe Bible instruction that would not infringe upon provisions of the state constitution which guarantees everyone the right to worship according to his own dictates. He further declared:

"The language of the constitution with respect to freedom of religious worship is very broad in its terms and if elective courses of study of the Bible are made a part of the curriculum of any of the public schools of this state, great care should be taken in the selection of such courses, and in the manner in which they are taught, that there is no violation of this section of the constitution."

In this whole question of state aid for religion and religious institutions it is of importance to remember that Christianity had its beginning and grew under oppression. When it began to depend upon the sword and the financial help of the civil power it became weak and corrupt. It was this mixture of politics and religion that robbed the church of Rome of spiritual freedom and led European civilization into the darkness of the Middle Ages. Religion's weapons are moral and spiritual, and enforcement of its precepts should never be made to depend upon special government backing or approval. American constitutional guarantees afford impartial protection to all religions; these guarantees are wisely preventative, they safeguard liberty of religion but do not enforce or aid any special kind of religious teaching. This is in perfect keeping with the basic tenets of Christianity; any one of its sects or churches that claims special privileges or seeks to deny equal rights of freedom and protection to others betrays the teaching of its Founder.

THE POPE AND THE JAPS

SO GREAT has been the call for our February number because of its timely article, "THE VATICAN-JAPANESE ENTENTE," that we are having a reprint of this article made in pamphlet form. Price is 15¢ a copy—10 for \$1.00.

RELIGION AS A CLOAK FOR EVIL

"... And seem a saint when most I play the devil."



"And thus I hide my naked villainy,
With old, odd ends, stolen forth of Holy Writ,
And seem a saint, when most I play the devil."

—from Shakespeare's *King Richard III*,
Act 1, Scene 3.

THE SADDEST FACT of history is the use of religion as a cloak for the evil deeds of those who have established themselves in positions of power over the masses of other men. These are the evil ones, as St. Paul warns us, who "have turned the truth of God into a lie" (2 *Thess.* 2:11).

It is the oldest and most successful trick of the devil, not only to counterfeit true religion with a lie, but to dress

himself up in religious robes and proclaim himself the very mouthpiece of God Himself. The rest is easy. The common people, kept illiterate and denied the truth by their religious leaders, are dazzled and cowed into further submission by the pomp and splendor of ritual and ceremony. They see only the gorgeous robes of scarlet and gold in which their priests are clothed, and which hide the mere men and the designs of

their hearts. Convinced that these men speak for God and have power over heaven and hell, the people do their bidding in everything. Tyrants, dictators and scheming politicians, once they make alliance with these false religious leaders, are secure in their positions of power, and certain of the blind obedience of the people.

We need not go beyond Jesus Christ Himself to find condemnation of such false religious leaders. No one has ever been so contemptuous as He of those "who sit in Moses' seat, who make broad their phylacteries, and enlarge the borders of their garments," who "love the uppermost rooms at feasts, and the chief seats in the synagogues," who love to be called "Father," who "devour widows' houses, and for pretence make long prayer." More scathingly than Shakespeare, Jesus Christ says of them in *Matt. 23:27, 28*:

"For ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outside, but are within full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness.

"Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity."

CURTSY TO THE MIKADO

THE VATICAN has always thrived politically by playing both ends against the middle. So too in the present World War it has sent friendly communications to the Nazi-Fascists, while contrary ideas have been expressed by its spokesmen in the democracies. In former times neither side ever learned during the course of a war what the Vatican had been telling its enemies. The present use of short-wave radio by enemy nations shows up this double dealing. The message from Pope Pius XII's Secretary of State quoted below was used in the broad-

casts of the German and Japanese governments as Vatican approval and *de facto* recognition of the new puppet President of the Philippines, José P. Laurel, whom Franco had recognized shortly before. The papal message, as intercepted by the United States intelligence service, was reproduced in a *United Press* dispatch of last January 10. It was conveyed to the puppet President by Archbishop Pinai, Apostolic Delegate to the Philippines, and reads as follows:

"His Eminence, Cardinal Luigi Magli-one, Secretary of State to His Holiness, through the Apostolic Delegate of Japan, has given me instructions to assure Your Excellency that the Vatican received your generous telegram announcing your induction as President of the Philippines and to transmit to Your Excellency most sincere thanks for your courtesy."

The Tokyo radio quoted Bishop Cesar Guerrero of Manila, who interpreted as follows the Vatican message as proof of the Pope's recognition of the Japanese regime in the Philippines:

"This shows His Holiness' regard for the Philippines. Since Vatican City is in itself a fully sovereign state, the Holy Father's message of felicitations to President Laurel implies the Vatican's recognition of the Philippine Republic."

"We search the world for truth; we cull

*The good, the pure, the beautiful,
From graven stone and written scroll,*

From all old flower-fields of the soul;

*And, weary seekers of the best,
We come back laden from our quest,
To find that all the sages said
Is in the Book our mothers read."*

—John Greenleaf Whittier

CATHOLIC ANTI-SEMITISM

By J. J. MURPHY

EVEN a 'front man' for Catholicism like Dr. George N. Shuster of Hunter College could not deny that the anti-Semitism of his church, rooted in papal pronouncements of the past, is much in evidence in this country. He rightly added, however, that it is "seldom voiced above a whisper."¹

A good illustration of how a Catholic whispering campaign works is found in the book *Under Cover* (p. 453) where the author quotes Irish-Catholic Francis P. Moran, Boston *Christian Front* leader:

"The only thing you can do now, of course, is to talk about Communism and the Jews . . . A whispering campaign is the best thing now. Mrs. Murphy tells Mrs. Duffy, and she tells Mrs. O'Toole, who tells it to Mrs. Smith . . . by the time they end up, they've got something which everybody believes."

The Roman Catholic hierarchy is, of course, much too shrewd to come out openly in favor of anti-Semitism. It can work much more safely and effectively behind such stooges as Fathers Coughlin, Curran, Brophy and Duffee. For years these priests and their organizations have carried on anti-Semitic campaigns with the full but tacit approval of the hierarchy, *without whose permission they could neither write for publication nor speak in public.*

In the re-editing of the Roman Catholic New Testament in English, two years

ago, a footnote to *Revelation* 2:9 was inserted by the American bishops that did not appear in the previous edition that had been in use for many generations. It said that "the Jews are the Synagogue of Satan." A clearer example of the anti-Semitic policy of the Catholic church is scarcely needed.

Pierre Laval was well aware of this historical and unchanging attitude of the Roman church. Speaking to a group of journalists on September 13, 1942, he justified the anti-Semitism of the Vichy regime as follows: "*I am only applying to the Jews the same treatment prescribed centuries ago by the Catholic Church.*" To realize how true this statement of Laval is one has only to read "*How the Popes Treated the Jews.*"²

The spurious anti-Jewish *Protocols of the Elders of Zion*, that depict Jewry as the essence of evil and the Catholic church as the essence of virtue, have been spread throughout the country by the followers of Father Coughlin and other Fascist priests. But the Catholic hierarchy never protested against this mass calumny organized within their church. If they were at all interested in stopping this defamation of Jews they could have used their 332 publications to ridicule these vicious *Protocols* out of existence. They prefer instead to pretend that they know nothing about this libelous Catholic campaign.

¹"The Conflicts Among Catholics" by George N. Shuster in the Winter 1940 issue of the Phi Beta Kappa quarterly, *The American Scholar*.

²A pamphlet published by THE CONVERTED CATHOLIC MAGAZINE giving lengthy quotations of papal decrees against the Jews that served as a blueprint for Hitler's anti-Semitism. 15¢ a copy.

As if there were not enough anti-Semitism in this country, several Catholic bishops invited leaders of Catholic Fascism in Mexico, known as *Sinarquists*, to come to the United States to lecture. Chicago was one of several episcopal sees that sponsored the series of talks. The newspaper *PM* of last January 3 said:

"In an exclusive interview in Sunday's *PM*, J. Ovrum Tapper, a director of the Chicago *Civil Liberties Committee*, said . . . that representatives of the Sinarquist movement spoke in Chicago just before outbreaks against Jews there by Mexicans and Italians. The *Sinarquists* are a Coughlin-endorsed subsidiary of the Spanish Fascist *Falange* and the Mexican equivalent of the *Christian Front*."

A Catholic layman, Emmanuel Chapman, founded in 1939 a layman's "Committee of Catholics to Combat Anti-Semitism." Before it got thoroughly organized, a little over a year after its foundation, it was suddenly disbanded—a thing that often happens to 'false front' organizations in the Catholic church if they start to become really effective. Similar repression overtakes Catholic laymen, who start to fight strenuously against Fascism or anti-Semitism, as the recent case of Professor McMahon illustrates.

Irish-Catholic Boston has been one of the worst centers of anti-Jewish terrorism. As in New York the Catholic police force looked on with indifference. Sworn affidavits are on record in Boston where the policemen even arrested Jewish boys for defending themselves against young Coughlinites. Boston newspapers, notorious for their subservience to Clerical pressure, made no mention of these outrages. Finally, this past winter, a New York liberal newspaper forced Governor Saltonstall, an appeaser of Cardinal O'Connell, to reverse his stand and order a State investigation. Irish-Catholic Police Commissioner Timilty was made

whipping-boy and forced to resign, though the rest of the police force and higher politicians were as guilty as he was. Such hypocrisy promises little or no permanent relief from a disastrous un-American situation.

Anti-Jewish terrorism has occurred only in cities that are centers of Roman Catholicism, such as Boston, New York, Chicago, Providence, Bridgeport, Hartford, etc. In New York during recent months liberal newspapers exposed many hotbeds of anti-Jewish sadism. Everyone of them was a Roman Catholic neighborhood. Not only were synagogues defaced but also several Protestant churches. No Catholic church was molested, of course. New York City Commissioner of Investigation Herlands made a 170-page report on 52 anti-Semitic cases he investigated. It showed that all but three of the culprits attended church, and that all came from areas where Father Coughlin's *Christian Front* had flourished.

Rev. Allan E. Claxton of the Protestant Broadway Temple in New York City, which had been desecrated by Catholic youths, was quoted in the *New York Post* of last December 30 as follows:

"We had a certain amount of vandalism at our church . . . If Protestant children were desecrating Catholic churches, the Protestant ministers would certainly teach them differently."

In the same newspaper in the issue of the preceding day, Rev. Kenneth MacKenzie of the United Presbyterian Church in the Washington Heights district of New York City said in an interview:

"For some time there has been evidence of vandalism around the property of Protestant churches in this neighborhood."

After describing the desecration of his own church, Rev. MacKenzie went

on to say of the perpetrators of these crimes: "I assume they are Roman Catholics because the section is predominantly Catholic."

The same issue of the *N. Y. Post* quoted the following affidavit of an 11-year-old Jewish boy who was attacked by Roman Catholic ruffians, who betrayed their parochial school training by their familiarity with Roman Catholic doctrine. We quote it in part:

"Then about 12 boys came, first little ones and then big ones. They asked if I am Jewish, and I said I'm not, 'cause once before some different boys started up with me when I told them I was Jewish.

They began to ask me questions about the Catholic religion. I said I didn't know the answers because I didn't go to church . . . they jumped on me and my friend and began to hit us . . ."

The most anti-Semitic district in New York City is Police Precinct #40, in the Bronx, where only 8 per cent of the inhabitants are Jewish. In this district 333 public Coughlinite meetings were held within less than a two-year period, many of them in the open, according to the Herlands report. There are four parochial schools in this small district. Catholic police captain John Collins, in charge of this precinct, "estimated that 85 to 90 per cent of the people there are Catholics," according to the N. Y. Post of January 11, 1944. The Herlands report observed that this mile-and-a-half area, constituting the 40th Precinct, has 279 bars and taverns and a very high rate of child delinquency.

No lasting security against anti-Semitic terrorism in New York City can be expected as long as Roman Catholics continue to monopolize the police force, especially its key positions. A showy spurt of self-interested activity

against street hoodlumism first began among police officers after recent newspaper publicity. It can be expected to last only as long as the publicity campaign that occasioned it.

Algernon D. Black, well-known head of the New York *Ethical Culture Society*, in a broadcast over station WHN on January 2 said:

"But to speak plainly, there are Coughlinites among the police, too. A few years ago it was estimated that there might be as many as 3,000 *Christian Fronters* among the police of this city."

Mayor La Guardia, an inveterate politician, is extremely responsive to Catholic political pressure. He refused for months to make public the report of Commissioner of Investigation Herlands until forced to do so under threat of a City Council investigation. He did nothing about information given him a few years ago by J. Edgar Hoover of the FBI concerning the presence of 1,500 *Christian Fronters* that were already on the New York police force at that time.

Catholic Lewis J. Valentine, Commissioner of Police in New York City, is a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe parish in Brooklyn. Coughlinite policemen have always been able to rely on him for protection. Last year unquestionable evidence was brought before him to show that Catholic patrolman John Drew was a fellow-traveller of the *Christian Front*, an active anti-Semite and a contributor to four organizations now under Federal indictment for sedition. Valentine, after a departmental hearing, dismissed all charges against Drew, and restored him to active service with back pay without even giving him a reprimand. The following day Commissioner of Investigation Herlands publicly denounced Valentine's action as "contrary to the evidence and sound

public policy." But Catholic political power, which stood behind Valentine and the *Christian Frontiers*, never allowed the proceedings of the Drew trial to be published. It was able to laugh at the protests of Jews and liberals. As late as January 16, it 'persuaded' Mayor La Guardia to have Drew on the City radio program as his 'guest star' to tell the public what a broad-minded fellow he is.

The Catholic hierarchy countered recent protests over anti-Semitism by indulging in the ballyhoo that is usually featured on such occasions. Even Bishop Molloy of Brooklyn, superior over the ill-famed Brooklyn *Tablet* as well as

over anti-Semitic Fathers Curran and Brophy, had the nerve to make an airy protest against anti-Semites! No practical move, of course, was made to remedy conditions through the Catholic press and parochial schools.

The most foreboding fact in American anti-Semitism is that prominent and wealthy Jews, as well as the Jewish organizations they dominate, contribute heavily to organizations that make a deliberate policy of appeasing political Catholicism. The *National Conference of Christians and Jews*, with its backslapping interfaith conferences, from which the Catholic church is the sole gainer, is just such an organization.

CATHOLICISM'S FEAR OF THE BIBLE

LINACER, a distinguished physician but a bigoted Roman Catholic, once came across a copy of the New Testament, picked it up and glanced through it. After reading it a while he impatiently threw it aside and exclaimed: "Either this book is not true, or we are not Christians."

How well the master minds of Roman Catholicism realize the essential contradiction between the Bible and the Roman Catholic system is forcefully expressed in an address delivered by the Cardinals of the Roman court to Pope Julius III in 1550, immediately after his elevation to the papacy. It is contained in an historical document of Reformation times that is preserved today in the *National Library* of Paris, in Folio B, No. 1088, Vol. 2, pages 641-650. It contains among others the following interesting passages:

"Of all the advice that we can offer Your Holiness, we have kept the most

necessary to the last. We must open our eyes well and use all possible force in the matter, namely, to permit the reading of the Gospel as little as possible, especially in the vernacular, in all those countries under your jurisdiction.

"Let the very little part of the Gospel suffice that is usually read in the Mass and let no one be permitted to read more. So long as the people will be content with that small amount, your interests will prosper, but as soon as the people want to read more your interests will begin to fall.

"The Bible is the book that, more than any other, has raised against us the tumults and tempests by which we have almost perished. In fact, if anyone examines closely and compares the teaching of the Bible with what takes place in our churches he will soon find discord, and will realize that our teaching is often different from the Bible and oftener still contrary to it. And if the people wake up to this, they will never stop challenging us till everything is laid bare and then we shall become the object of universal scorn and hatred. Therefore, it is necessary to withdraw the Bible from the sight of the people, but with extreme caution in order not to cause rebellion."

On the Lookout

By J. J. MURPHY

PITY THE POOR PRIEST-RIDDEN IRISH

POPE PIUS XI in his encyclical on education in January, 1931, condemned co-education. The unnatural fear of sex, which permeates not only monasticism but the social ideals of the Catholic church, amounts at times to a sex obsession. It sees evil even in the most harmless relationship of persons of the opposite sexes. The following quotation from page one of the well-known Irish newspaper, *The Fermanagh Times*, in its issue of November 4, 1943, illustrates this point:

"Unmarried couples in the Eire border town of Clones, County Monaghan, are perturbed because they can no longer sit together in the local cinema. A ruling has been made by the cinema's committee of control that young unmarried women must sit on one side of the hall, which holds about 300 people, and their boy friends on the other. The cinema, which is the only one in the town, has two or three shows a week, and all the proceeds are devoted to Roman Catholic parish needs."

"A member of the control committee stated: 'When young people come into the cinema the girls are shown to one side of the hall, the young men to the other. So far there has been considerable resentment, but we intend to adhere to it. Even if a brother and sister come to the cinema they must be separated.'"

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JAPAN PROTECTS ITS FRIENDS

JAPANESE solicitude for Roman Catholic missionaries was proved at length in our issue of last month. On the front page of the N. Y. *Times* of last December 30, a report from Brooks Atkinson gave another striking example of how carefully Japan protects the interests of Roman Catholi-

cism. After telling how the city of Changteh, China, "had been blasted off the face of the earth," he went on to say:

"Outside the city wall two Spanish missionary buildings stand undamaged . . . But it is hard to find anything else intact in this city which held 160,000 persons before the war and was housing 60,000 before the recent battle broke out."

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CATHOLIC PRESSURE ON THE PRESS

CENSORSHIP of the most reactionary type is of the essence of Roman Catholicism. But it was not until recent years that it dared to raise its head in America. Now that it has shackled the newspapers of America, it has invaded the field of art and literature. Its new bureau of censorship is headed by Bishop Noll who edits a journalistic monstrosity known as *Our Sunday Visitor*. This Catholic censorship bureaucracy is known as the N.O.D.L., or National Organization for Decent Literature. It has an office in Washington and works through Postmaster General Frank Walker, a trustee of Notre Dame University, who withdraws second class mailing privileges from all publications disapproved by Bishop Noll. Drew Pearson's exposé of this religious racket was reported in *THE CONVERTED CATHOLIC MAGAZINE* of October 1943.

On January 1 the U. S. Post-Office Department, alias Frank Walker, withdrew second class mailing privileges from *View* a quarterly magazine of art and literary criticism subscribed to almost exclusively by galleries, museums, universities, art collectors and artists. It did not condescend to inform the editor of the magazine, Charles Henry Ford, on what grounds the winter issue had been barred from mailing privileges.

Dorothy Thompson in her column of January 3 referred to Walker as a "miserable hypocritical politician," and noted that he rules arbitrarily on what constitutes art and literature without even deigning to define either term. She found that the most "infuriating thing" in the whole Walker procedure is that for months American magazines have been forced to send "advance dummies to Mr. Walker, who has then cut out and censored words used by authors and not to his taste."

MAGNIFICENT DELUSION

CATHOLICISM with its legends, pageantry and historical lore appeals to the romanticism of certain esthetes and artists. Such a one was the distinguished Episcopal architect Ralph Adams Cramm. Another is the venerable poet-philosopher George Santayana, resident in Italy for several years, who has just released the first book of his autobiography under the title *Persons and Places*. Santayana totally disbelieves in all the dogmas of Catholicism, the religion of his race, but loves them for their poetic grandeur and daring flights of fancy. It has been said of him that "he does not believe in God, but believes that the Virgin Mary was His mother."

In its January 7 review of Santayana's new book, the New York *Times* aptly said of it: "It contains much fine feeling for and admiring appreciation of the beauties of religion, particularly the Roman Catholic, and stresses repeatedly Santayana's materialistic belief that religion is an invention of man's own questing, aspiring spirit, and that its dogmas have nothing to do with fact, but are poetry, often noble and exalted poetry."

What Santayana overlooks in Catholicism is the darkness it has created in the minds of millions of men, the cruelty of deceiving them into mistaking fiction for truth, the fears and phobias, the torture and distress it has left in its wake in the souls of millions of its own priests and laity who do not believe in it, but who are afraid to abandon it because of the terror it has drilled into their subconscious minds.

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BIRDS OF A FEATHER

FRANK E. GANNETT, publisher of a chain of reactionary newspapers, who tried to suppress John Roy Carlson's book *Under Cover*, is now attempting to establish a Fascist-front organization called *The Constitution and Free Enterprise Foundation*. Among the trustees of this new foundation is Jesuit Father Francis X. Talbot, editor of the Jesuit magazine *America*, pace-setter of Catholic propaganda in this country. Father Talbot was a member of the board of governors of the now defunct "Emergency

Council to Keep the United States Out of War." A fellow member of the same board was Mrs. Elizabeth Dilling, hysterical author of the *Red Network* who is at present under Federal indictment as a seditionist. Jesuit Talbot is a close friend of Merwin K. Hart, with whom he cooperated in a book glorifying Franco and his Fascist revolution against democratic Spain.

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A 'RUTHLESS' POLITICAL PRELATE

ARCHBISHOP McNicholas of Cincinnati, Ohio, has used his authoritarian power over the Roman Catholics of that city to weld them into a political unit. He brought about the resignation of City Manager Sherill who insisted on enforcing anti-gambling laws and secured the re-election to the nine-man City Council of eight of the appeasers who failed in their duty to back the enforcement of city laws. He used pressure on the Ohio state legislature to force through a bill allowing bingo games.

The Christian Century in an editorial in its issue of last December 29 said about Archbishop McNicholas:

"If he had any scruples about the morality of making the Roman Catholic Church tutor to thousands of foolish people, in the dishonest art of getting something for nothing, he concealed those scruples by thundering denunciations against the Protestants. . ."

The same editorial went on to say that Archbishop McNicholas proved "to have more power than the legally constituted administration and to be ruthless enough in its exercise to jeopardize the integrity of civil authority in one of the most successful city governments in the country."

It is unfortunate that Protestants as a whole are blind to the dangers of Catholic political control. What happened in the case just mentioned is only an isolated instance of what is happening wherever Catholics are numerous. But Catholic control of the press makes each community think that such occurrences are only local phenomena. If *THE CONVERTED CATHOLIC MAGAZINE* had the money and facilities, it could find proof of similar Catholic high-handedness in ten thousand other communities of this country.

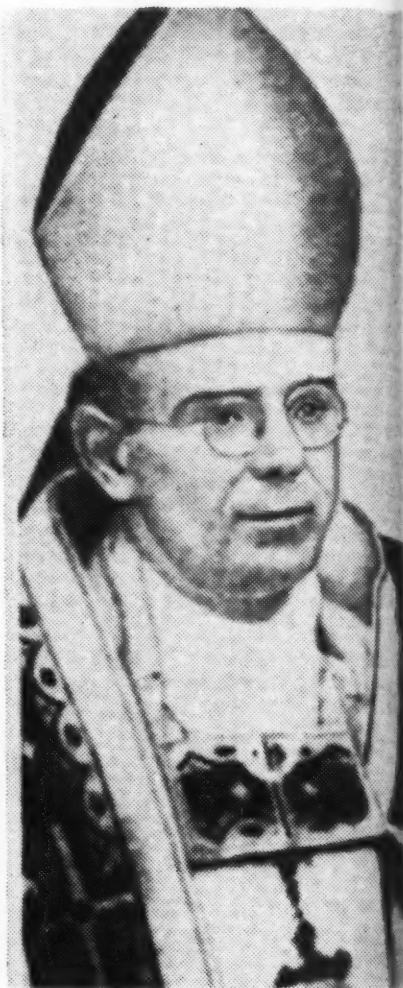
NEW ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIMATE FOR ENGLAND

ENGLAND'S successor to the recently deceased Cardinal Hinsley is Bishop Bernard W. Griffin, who has been transferred from the Birmingham diocese of which he was auxiliary bishop to the archbishopric of Westminster in London. His sermon on the occasion of enthronement in Westminster stamps him as a reactionary of the Pius XI school who uses need of social reform as an opportunity to agitate for establishment of a "Christian state." In his opening address, in true Clerical style, he struck at the free press, the war work of women, and social reforms opposed by Catholicism.

When the Vatican in 1940 expected Nazi-Fascism to triumph and hailed the New Order in its Christmas encyclical, Bishop Griffin was snubbed in a private audience with Pope Pius XII, when he went to Rome to explain Britain's stand for democratic principles in the present war. The N. Y. *Times* of last December 23 referred to that ill-fated audience as follows:

"Mgr. Griffin was said to have told the Pope that an Allied victory was to Europe's general interest. It was said that the Vatican had taken the attitude that that was purely British opinion."

Now that the Vatican's hopes of victory for the forces of reaction have fallen through, it has naturally turned to Bishop Griffin, whom it formerly snubbed, to be its spokesman in England. This is typical of the means it uses to climb up on the Allied bandwagon. It is making similar use of Father Luigi Sturzo, whom Mussolini exiled in 1924 with the approval of Pope Pius XI.



ARCHBISHOP BERNARD W. GRIFFIN
New Archbishop of Westminster and Primate of the Roman Catholic Church in England.

QUESTION BOX

Q. Catholics say that it is impossible to buy a mass. Is that true?

A. "To buy" means to "acquire for money." A priest will say a mass for you only if you pay him for doing so; in other words, you acquire the 'benefit' of a mass in exchange for the money paid to the priest. This transaction is rightly termed "buying." It does not change the nature of the transaction merely because the money paid is called a "stipend" or an "offering"; giving it a less commercial name is only a play on words.

The U. S. Government rightly considers money received for masses as "wages." It accordingly obliges priests to pay income tax on "mass stipends" as well as on salary.

Q. How can Catholics control the press, since they contribute so few ads to newspapers or magazines?

A. Full-page advertisements by large department stores and big industries are the main source of support for all ad-carrying papers and periodicals. Catholics threaten to boycott these big stores or industries unless they, in turn, bring pressure to bear against such-and-such a paper to prevent it from publishing "anti-Catholic write-ups." Any statement of facts that contradicts Catholic propaganda is considered "anti-Catholic."

Q. What is the difference between the "Immaculate Conception" and the "Virgin Birth"?

A. The Roman Catholic doctrine of the Immaculate Conception means that the Virgin Mary, from the first moment when she was conceived within her mother, was free from 'original sin.' The doctrine of the "Virgin Birth" (in which others as well as Catholics believe) is that Jesus Christ was born miraculously of the Virgin Mary without destruction of her virginity.

All Catholics profess to believe in the Immaculate Conception, but ask any one of them what it means and you will find that nine out of ten don't know. Yet, if these same Catholics said that they didn't believe in the Immaculate Conception, they would become heretics and thereby subject to eternal damnation by decree of their church.

CHRIST'S MISSION NOTES

OUR public meetings are now held the first Sunday of each month, and a variety of speakers and topics are presented. On February 6, Rev. A. Caliandro spoke on the topic of "Religious Freedom in Allied-Occupied Italy."

NEWS OF EX-PRIESTS

MANY of our ex-priests have found suitable employment. One is safety engineer for a large plant in New Jersey, another is a field director in war relief work. While training for war work, another is a waiter in a restaurant. Two are in the armed forces and a French-Canadian who left the priesthood recently has established himself as a missionary of the Gospel among his fellow French-Canadians in Quebec.

It may surprise our readers to learn that many priests who leave the priesthood have little real interest in religion, and no understanding of Evangelical Christian teachings. Few of them are equipped for any kind of work by which they can at once earn a decent living. We could employ and train many more in our own office and editorial work had we sufficient financial means to do so.

MSGR. SHEEN AND JAP ATROCITIES

CATHOLIC MONSIGNOR Fulton J. Sheen specializes in flaunting the moral weaknesses, real or imaginary, of democratic America in order to distract attention from the inhuman crimes of Fascism. In the *Catholic Digest* of last June he complained:

"It is pathetic that so many movie writers can think of no other way to justify our cause than by emphasizing the wickedness of the Nazis and Japanese. Do we become angels by calling them devils?"

THE PASSING SHOW

P. J. WHELAN

► **THE NEW SPANISH BUDGET**, according to the Portuguese newspaper *Diarios de Noticias* of Dec. 31, provides 475,000,000 pesetas (about \$47,500,000) for the activities of the Falange, Franco Spain's Fascist party. This is more than twice the amount allotted to the Falange for 1943. *At the same time, the school budget was cut from 449,000,000 pesetas last year to 166,000,000 this year—a cut of almost three-quarters.*

► **THE FIRST** public and official Jewish religious services since the expulsion of the Jews by the Inquisition in 1492 are now being conducted in Sicily by the Jewish chaplains of the U. S. Army, according to the *Presbyterian Church Times* of December 4, 1943.

► **A ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIEST**, Rev. Father Zygmunt Kaczynski, is Minister of Education in the cabinet of the Polish Government-in-Exile in London. Russia in January refused to negotiate any settlement of boundary disputes with this reactionary government.

► **THE FOUNDER** of the French Fascist organization that existed before the war, with the cooperation of Pétain, Weygand and other prominent Catholics, was Eugene Deloncle. He died last January, after a long period of collaboration with the Nazis. The full name of the hooded men, popularly known as *Cagoulards*, was "The Secret Committee of Revolutionary Action."

► **REVEREND Jerome P. Holland** of the Brooklyn diocese, prominent Clerical Fascist and author of a series of articles in defence of *Sinarquism* in Mexico, was commissioned as a chaplain in the U. S. Navy last December.

► **THOUSANDS** of saints are the object of Catholic cult. Only two hundred of them have been canonized. Many of them, like Saint Christopher, are legendary characters.

► **SEVENTY-SIX HUNDRED** more Americans were killed in war plants from Pearl Harbor till January 1, 1944, than were killed on all battlefronts in the same period of time, according to a report of OWI on last January 20. And deaths from cancer in the U. S. have exceeded "many times" the deaths in the armed forces during the same period.

► **BRITISH CENSORSHIP** allowed Helen Kirkpatrick to report from London on January 3 that the British Government, presumably with the accord of the U. S. Department of State, demanded from de Gaulle the liberation of Peyrouton, Boisson and other Vichyites who had been arrested in North Africa on grounds of treason. It was Peyrouton who signed de Gaulle's death warrant in Vichy France. Boisson, the hanger-on of Pétain, ordered French troops to fire on American troops invading North Africa. Thanks to his betrayal of democracy many American soldiers lie buried today under African soil.

► **ACCORDING** to polls conducted by the Institute of Public Opinion, prohibitionists are equally numerous in the United States, Canada and Australia. Their percentage of the total population is 29 out of 100 in Canada, and 34 in the U. S. and Australia.

► **DREW PEARSON** in his column of last December 30 pointed out that Senator David I. Walsh, Jesuit graduate, has "appointed himself a committee of one" to prevent WAVES from being sent overseas to relieve men of clerical work and other similar duties. Sen. Walsh, chairman of the highly secret *Senate Committee on Naval Affairs*, is reported to have been a personal friend of Olov E. Tietzow, well known as "Nazidom's traveling emissary."

► **BESIDES** holding the topnotch job of Foreign Economic Administrator with tremendous powers over all countries to be occupied by our armies, Catholic Leo T. Crowley, papal Knight of St. Gregory, is also Alien Property Custodian with full power over all enemy-owned corporations, property and patents in this country. He is also chairman of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. As chairman of the Board of Standard Gas and Electric he has many business and political interests outside his present Federal jobs, especially in Wisconsin, his home State.

► **JOSE P. LAUREL**, puppet president of the Philippines by grace of the Japanese war lords, was congratulated in the Fall of 1943 by Franco and the Vatican on the occasion of his inauguration. Shortly afterwards he declared the anniversary of Pearl Harbor a "special official holiday," and appointed a committee to "take charge of the celebration," according to the U. S. foreign-broadcast intelligence service.

► **FOUND** guilty of attempted rape, three young Italian Catholics, Christopher Furnari, Nunzio Morrone and John Tellini, were sentenced recently to Sing Sing for terms of 10 to 30 years. On occasions such as this the Catholic authorities attempt to claim that the criminals do not deserve to be called Catholics. But when the same authorities make up their church statistics, with one eye on potential political pressure, they count in these miscreants and thousands more like them.

► **IN ITALY**, according to the *World Almanac* of 1943, the Roman Catholic church claims 99.6 per cent of the population as members of its communion. This obviously includes as Catholics Italian criminals as well as Italian unbelievers of all shades of opinion, atheists and agnostics, Communists and liberals. Church statistics in Spain, Mexico, Latin America are equally fictitious, including tens of millions of people who disbelieve in Catholicism and never darken a church door. None the less, people who should know better speak of 300,000,000 Catholics, when that figure is the sum of several grossly distorted national-religious figures manufactured by the hierarchy for purposes of power politics.

► **JESUIT** Father Gannon, president of Fordham University, used his commencement address last January to sneer at American education in general and more particularly at proposals to use democratic education to uproot Fascism in Europe. He jibed at an imaginary "educator from a small college in the United States sent abroad to reorganize Leipzig University." Like all Clericals, Gannon is reconciled to a military defeat of Fascism provided its ideas can be left to fester in the body politic of Europe.

► **THE BROOKLYN TABLET** of last December 25 quoted the *Catholic Review* of Baltimore which congratulated the Knights of Columbus' annual convention for censoring *Life*, *Times* and the *March of Time* for their 'dishonest' presentation of Catholic news. The Baltimore periodical took additional digs at them for their "inaccurate, sneering, smart-aleck journalism." Anti-Franco articles were the cause of these outbursts and implied boycott threats.

► **DISTINGUISHED** friend of lepers was Dr. Mauritz of London, a Protestant physician, who died in Hawaii in December. He spent 19 years of his life in caring for them on the Island of Molokai.

► **DURING 1943**, 212,230 pilgrims visited St. Anne's shrine in Quebec. To date 16,147,275 pilgrims have visited the shrine. Supposed relics of St. Anne are venerated there. No serious student of church history believes these relics to be genuine. Even the name of St. Anne was not mentioned in early Christian literature until many generations after the death of the last apostle.

► **CARDINALS** of the Roman Catholic church today number only 43. In theory, since the time of Pope Sixtus V in 1586, there should be seventy. Of the 43 cardinals alive at present 26 are Italian. For centuries the papacy and the college of cardinals have been the private possession of Italians. The pope, an Italian, always sees to it that at all times a majority of the cardinals are Italians.

► **"FASCISM** is merely the mask that reaction assumes in its hour of dire need. When that mask has come to express the unbearable agony of a nation, it can be whisked off and replaced by another—the monarchy, the generals, the church."—Max Lerner.

► **A QUEBEC** magazine, *La Bonne Nouvelle*, tells of a French-Canadian priest who warned his congregation against free Gospels and religious tracts. In teaching them how to distinguish Catholic from Protestant literature, he said: "The Roman Catholic church never gives anything away free; if the literature is free of charge, it must be Protestant."

► TWO 17-year-old Catholic girls were sentenced by the New York General Sessions Court to the reformatory for indeterminate sentences. They assisted in the robbing of several soldiers and sailors. With the crime rate among Roman Catholics twice as high as that of the non-Catholic population of the country, the hierarchy should concentrate on teaching its communicants less dogmas and more morals.

► IRISH-CATHOLIC abuse of politics to grab the best-paying jobs is well illustrated in Hoboken, New Jersey. The mayor of the city is Bernard McFeeley. His father is Chief of Police. His sister, Mrs. Anna Walsh, holds the well-paying city contract for collection of rubbish—much of which can be sold for personal profit. In January Thomas F. McFeeley, of the same family, 33 years old, a graduate of the Catholic college at Villanova, was appointed superintendent of Hoboken public schools.

► THE HOLLANDER COMPANY, a fur-dyeing firm, decided to oust from its board of directors Luigi Criscuolo, a Fascist-minded New York banker, who publishes a news-letter called *The Rubicon*. Criscuolo is a prominent Italian-Catholic layman who has been signally honored by Pope Pius XI and Mussolini.

► AN IOWA NEWSPAPER of last August carries a Washington dispatch under the by-line of Ray Tucker. It contains the joke of the year: "The Vatican will have a greater voice in the final peace conference than ever in modern papal history because of the Pope's role in precipitating the ousting of Mussolini." The joke is that the Pope is supposed to have ousted Mussolini in whose survival he had a financial interest. With the joke goes a double tragedy: that there are people as simple-minded as Ray Tucker and that his prophecy may be right, for there are many working to have the Pope at the Peace Table.

TRANSUBSTANTIATION OR ANATHEMA!

By K. A. U.

THE DOGMA of transubstantiation is the foundation of Roman Catholic doctrine and worship. For this reason it is of interest to see how the Council of Trent defined it. In its 13th session, chapter I, it declared:

"The Holy Synod teaches and openly and simply professes that in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist, after the consecration of the bread and wine, our Lord Jesus Christ, true God and man, is really and substantially contained under the form of those visible things . . . After the benediction of the bread and wine our Redeemer testified in plain and express words that he gave them his own body and his own blood . . . Therefore this Holy Synod declares that by the consecration of the bread and wine, a conversion takes place of the whole substance of the bread into the substance of his body; which conversion is called 'transubstantiation.'"

Here is the basic error of Catholic teaching on the Eucharist. For Jesus Christ positively did not say to his apostles that he was giving them his own body and his own blood (see *Matt.* 26:26, 27).

After attributing to Christ ideas that his words do not indicate or even imply, the Council of Trent proceeded to decree several 'canons of anathema' cursing and condemning everyone who thinks otherwise. For example, Canon I declares:

"If any one shall deny that in the Sacrament of the Eucharist there are contained *truly, really and substantially* the body and blood together with the soul and divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ, and so the whole Christ, but shall affirm that they are therein only as in a sign or figure, or virtually, *let him be anathema.*"

Even belief in mere theological theories, such as that of transubstantiation, is commanded by the Council under threat of anathema, that is, of eternal damnation in hell. The word "transubstantiation" was invented in the year 1215. Canon III declares:

"If any one shall affirm that in the Sacrament of the Eucharist there remains the substance of the bread and wine together with the body and blood of our Lord, and shall deny that wonderful conversion . . . called 'transubstantiation,' let him be anathema."

How presumptuous and untrue are all these twistings of the words of Christ can be readily seen by anyone who takes the time to read with an open mind the simple, straightforward account of the Last Supper in the New Testament. How could the bread and wine which Christ held in his hands be his own flesh and blood? Besides, the body of Christ at that time was his as yet *un-glorified* body; the Catholic church itself teaches that only his *glorified* body can be contained under the form of bread and wine.

What else the bread and wine in Christ's hands were besides mere bread and wine, they could have been only in a figurative sense, as practically all Christians outside the church of Rome admit. (Cf. *Matt. 5:13; John 8:12; also John 6:63.*)

The speculating theologians of the Catholic church have not been content with insisting that the body, blood, soul and divinity of Christ are substantially present under the form of the wafer of bread. They have gone to the ridiculous point of insisting that the whole body of Christ, including such things as hair and fingernails, is contained in even the smallest crumb of the wafer of bread. And since the body of Christ was born of Mary, some the-

ologians also teach that the Virgin Mary's body is also present in the Eucharist. Others find there even the body of Saint Anne, who is unmentioned in early Christian tradition but later came to be considered the mother of Mary.

By magic manipulation of bread and wine, water and salt, in imitation of pagan religions, the church of Rome has destroyed the real power of Jesus Christ. In the very sixth chapter of the Gospel of John where so much is said about 'eating' the flesh and 'drinking' the blood of Christ, it is clearly pointed out (in verse 63) that these words are not to be taken literally, but only in a spiritual sense. "*It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.*"

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THE EDITOR'S MAILBAG

PRIESTS AND POVERTY

"PERHAPS you will be interested in the following letter I sent to the editor of the local Catholic paper, the *Boston Pilot*, that featured an article written by Msgr. Griffin and distributed throughout the country by the National Catholic Welfare Conference. It is what might be expected from reactionary political Catholicism. It won't do him any harm to hear from a liberal Catholic who realizes how little interest his kind have in the poor people who have burdened themselves with too many children at the insistence of the celibate clergy:

"Reverend and dear Sir:

In the article on medical care and public health in a recent issue of your paper, Msgr. Griffin stated: 'The choice of doctor by each family is a fundamental right' of all Americans; that we are 'entitled to the happiness that goes with the peace of mind in the treatment of the doctor of our own choice.'

As a prelate of the Church, Msgr. Griffin is assured of all the necessities of life, and of all the luxuries as well. He will never want for proper medical or hospital care—in fact, Catholic physicians and Catholic hospitals will see to it that he won't even have to pay for their services, even though he can well afford to do so. The same holds good of all the Catholic clergy.

However, there are millions of Americans whose problem is not the free choice of a physician, as Msgr. Griffin would have us believe, but the bare means with which to engage any reputable physician. Social medicine would make it possible for them to secure such a doctor while there is still hope for recovery, whereas now they have to shrink from the expense until their loved ones are almost at death's door.

The good Monsignor seems to be playing ball with the reactionary groups rather than seeking the greater good for the greater number his own poor people—the very people whose small, hard-earned contributions guarantee the best of medical and hospital care for him and for his relatives."

—D. M., Boston, Mass.

"CONVERTED CATHOLIC" IN A TAXI

"Dear Friends:

I drive a taxicab for a living. While parked in front of the Lincoln Memorial recently, a priest asked me to drive him to Arlington, Va. He stepped into the cab and sat down. Immediately he said: 'Oh, I see you read *THE CONVERTED CATHOLIC MAGAZINE*!' 'Yes,' I said, 'and how do you like it?' 'I don't like it,' he replied, 'I write against it.' 'Then you mustn't like the truth,' I told him. This displeased him and he asked me to stop the cab and got out in a huff. A soldier then got into my cab, and as we passed over the bridge I saw the priest walking along looking very dejected."

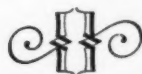
—W. B. R., Washington, D. C.

THE POWER AND THE MYSTERY

"I think you are doing a good job in giving us a clear understanding of the aims and activities of the Roman Catholic church in all its aspects. To the ordinary layman—Catholic and Protestant alike—the Roman Catholic system is a great mystery. If he is a Catholic for one reason or another—often other than religious—he stands in with the system and sticks up for it no matter what he may think in his mind. The 'Big Boys' at the top scare the politicians, and get the people at home to write or telegraph to their legislators as Catholics. Thus, though a minority, Catholics can do wonders that mystify and stupefy the larger groups.

As a result, everyone gasps and says the 'power' of the Roman church is 'terrible.' *It is nothing of the kind, except that it goes unchallenged.* And the reason why it goes unchallenged is because the average Protestant layman has nothing to say. For he hasn't been schooled in the Roman scheme of things. The same goes for the press, which has come to regard the Catholic church as an untouchable 'sacred cow.'"

—C. A. M., San Diego, Cal.



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